NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO Docket No. THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (Small Entity) POM-12502/29 In Re Application Of: Mazumder Serial No. Filing Date Examiner Group Art Unit 09/916,566 E. Frank 2125 July 27, 2001 DIRECT METAL DEPOSITION APPARATUS UTILIZING RAPID-RESPONSE DIODE LASER SOURCE MAR 1 9 2004 TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated Dec. 17, 2003 finally rejecting Claim(s) 1-8 RECEIVED Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. A verified statement of small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27: MAR 2 4 2004 is enclosed. Technology Center 2100 has already been filed in this application. ee for this Notice of Appeal is: \$165.00 A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. Dated: March 17, 2004 Signatur John G. Posa Reg. N . 37,424 that this document and fee is being deposited Gifford, Krass, Groh et al with the U.S. Postal Service as 280 N. Old Woodward Ave., Suite 400 first class mall under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Birmingham, MI 48009 Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA Tel. 734/913-9300 22313-1450. 03/2P/2004 YPOLITE1 00000014 09916566 Person Mailing Correspondence 01 Ft:2401 165.00 OP

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